Shortage of Heavy Water

2112. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports regarding shortage of heavy water required for the projects commissioned in India;

(b) if so, what was the project-wise capacity, licensed and actual production of heavy water during the last five years;

(c) whether there is any truth in the allegation that India is receiving clandestinely foreign shipments of heavy water to run its nuclear power station; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to augment production of heavy water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The capacity of all the Heavy Water Plants in operation is 365 MTS per annum.

Heavy Water being a strategic material, it is not in the national interest to reveal the actual production figures.

(c) There is no truth in the allegation that India has received clandestinely foreign shipments of heavy water to run its Nuclear Power Stations.

(d) In additions to the plants in operation, two more Heavy Water Plants, one at Manuguru (A.P.) and another at Hazira (Gujarat) are under construction. Additional plants to meet the anticipated demand are being planned.

Arming of terrorists in India and Afghanistan by Pakistan

2113. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of Pakistan's active interference by way of training, arming and pumping in of terrorists in Punjab and of Mujahidins in Afghanistan came up for discussion during President's recent visit to Moscow with Soviet leaders/ Government; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both sides expressed serious concern at Pakistan's violations of the Geneva Accords on Afghanistan and its involvement in extremist activities directed against India.

Canadian Nationals helping terrorists in Punjab

2114. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have definite evidence of Canadian nationals helping terrorism in Punjab; if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the issue with the Canadian Government to protect its interests, if so, the details thereof?